**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO’S**

**COLLEGE of OSTEPATHIC MEDICINE and HB24-1231**

**Whereas,** Colorado is facing a critical and growing physician shortage, and the University of Northern Colorado is prepared to be part of the solution. Establishing a College of Osteopathic Medicine will help UNC meet a critical need for our community and the state; AND

**Whereas,** Because of UNC’s diverse student body and history of excellence in the health sciences, housing a College of Osteopathic Medicine is a natural fit for the university; AND

**Whereas,** Colorado is projected to need 1,800 additional primary care physicians by 2030. UNC’s College of Osteopathic Medicine will graduate 150 new doctors into the workforce each year; AND

**Whereas,** Today, 59 of Colorado’s 64 counties contain regions that are designated as health professional shortage areas in primary care. The osteopathic medical profession has a long tradition of providing care where patients lack doctors; AND

**Whereas,** The College of Osteopathic Medicine is expected to boost Colorado’s economy by $1.4 billion over the next 20 years, with nearly half a billion of that impact remaining in Weld County; AND

**Whereas,** Over the next 20 years, taxpayer benefits are expected to exceed $84 million, primarily due to added tax revenue.

**Therefore,** the Board of (INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME) hereby goes on record in support of addressing Colorado’s physician shortage and strengthening the state’s healthcare workforce by supporting UNC’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and HB24-1231, State Funding for Higher Education Projects, a bill which will provide necessary funding to institutions of higher education in Colorado to train more health professionals in the state including the creation of 150 Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine at UNC each year.

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